



Global variability of sickle cell disease severity, mortality and morbidity

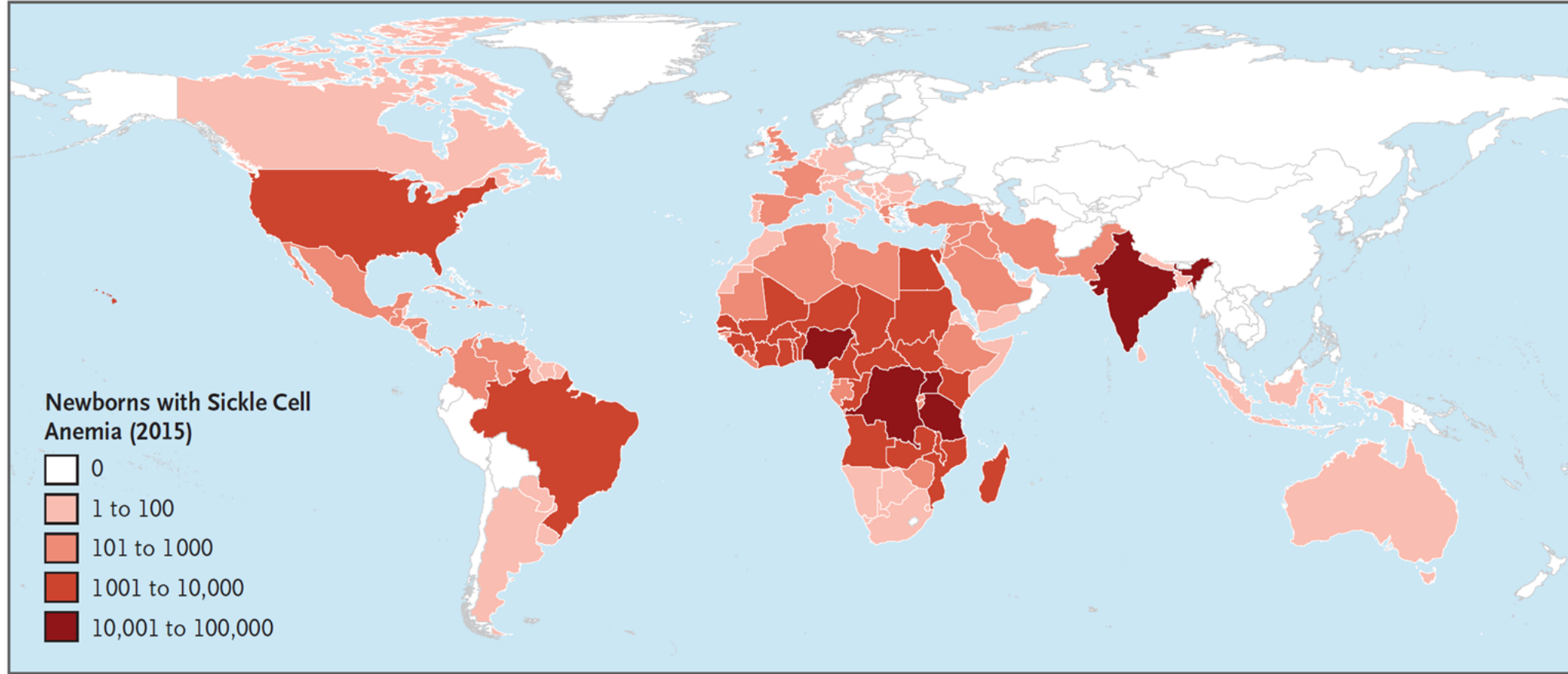
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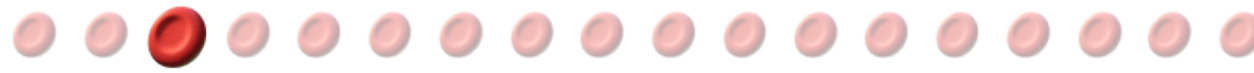
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Sickle cell disease: a global disease



Piel, Rees & Steinberg, *NEJM* 2017

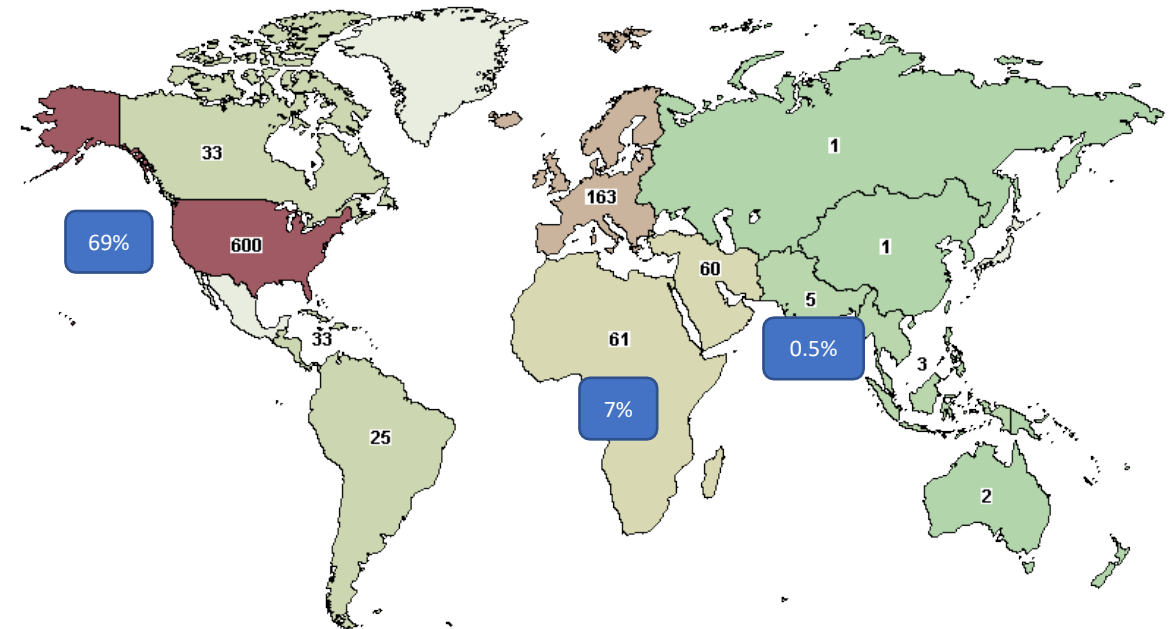


Sickle cell disease: an unequal burden

Category	Sub-Category	2010		
		Number of Newborns with SCA ^a	CI ^b	Percent of Category
Country	Nigeria	91,011	[77,881–106,106]	29.8%
	India	44,425	[33,692–59,143]	14.5%
	DRC	39,743	[32,593–48,788]	13.0%
WHO region ^e	AFRO	237,381	[191,067–295,354]	77.6%
	AMRO	11,143	[6,305–19,823]	3.6%
	EMRO	10,559	[6,242–19,390]	3.5%
	EURO	1,939	[932–4,330]	0.6%
	SEARO	44,454	[33,696–59,338]	14.5%
	WPRO	6	[1–23]	0.0%
HbS region ^f	Eurasia	5,130	[2,474–11,179]	1.7%
	Americas	11,181	[6,324–19,896]	3.7%
	Sub-Saharan Africa	242,187	[194,549–302,012]	79.2%
	Southeast Asia	7	[1–32]	0.0%
	Arab-India	47,264	[35,050–65,640]	15.5%
World		305,773	[238,400–398,775]	100%

NIH U.S. National Library of Medicine
ClinicalTrials.gov

All registered studies
for sickle cell disease
(n=868)



Piel et al 2013, PLOS Medicine

Variability of SCD severity

Exp Biol Med (Maywood). 2016 April ; 241(7): 679–688. doi:10.1177/1535370216640385.

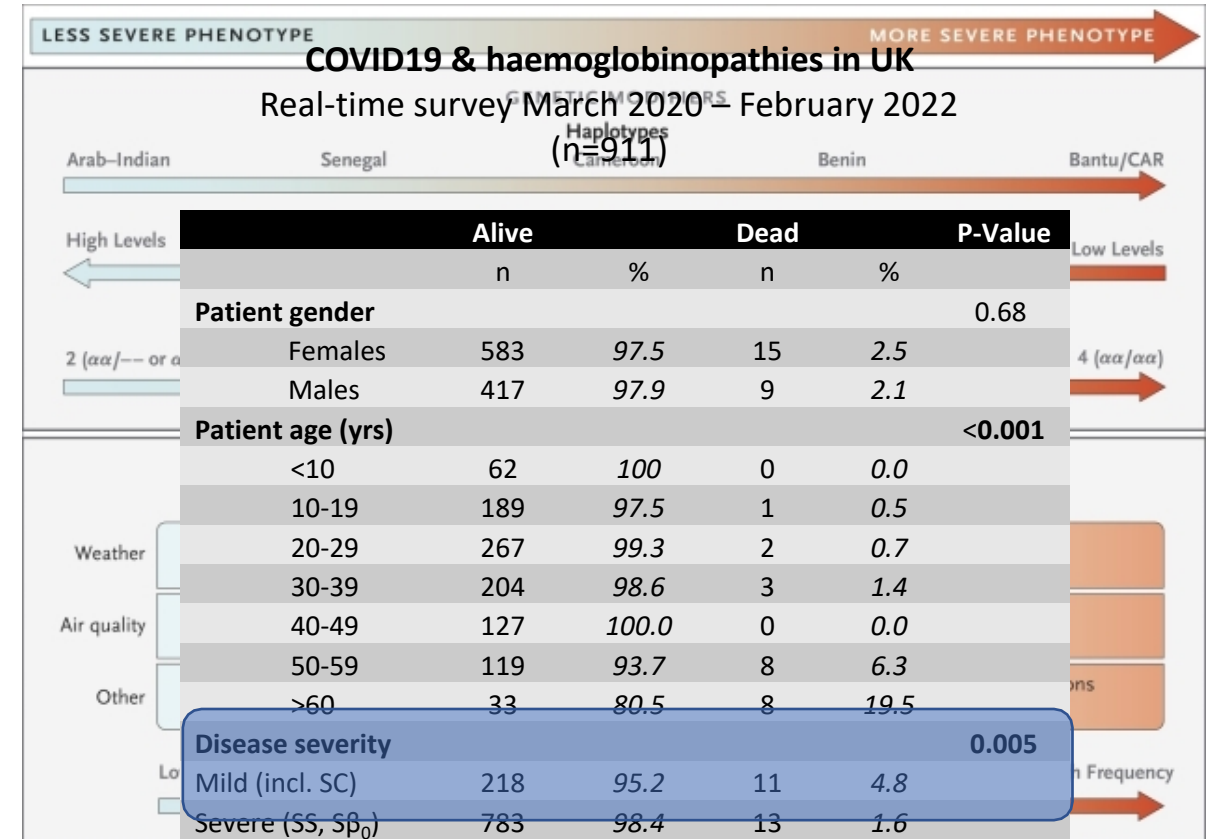
Clinical severity in sickle cell disease: the challenges of definition and prognostication

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Abstract

Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a monogenic, yet highly phenotypically variable disease with multisystem pathology. This manuscript provides an overview of many of the known determinants, modifiers, and correlates of disease severity in SCD. Despite this wealth of data, modeling the variable and multisystem pathology of SCD continues to be difficult. The current status of prediction of specific adverse outcomes and global disease severity in SCD is also reviewed, highlighting recent successes and ongoing challenges.



Pielak et al. 2022, JHEM 2022



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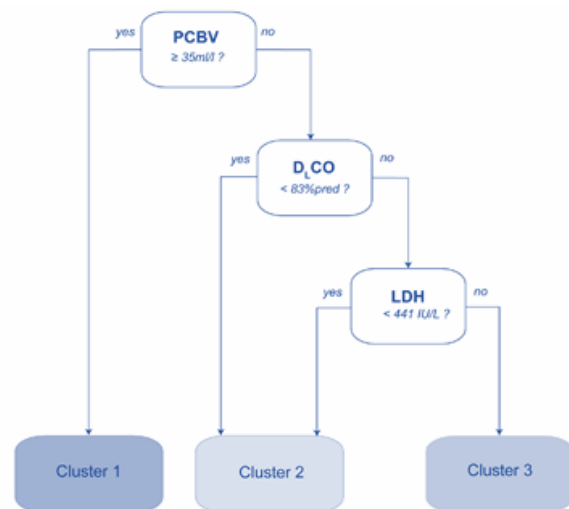
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[...] “the prediction of single, distinct adverse outcomes, like overt stroke, remains easier than prediction of globally severe SCD.”

Cluster analysis and lung function in SCD (UK)



Lunt *et al* 2018, *Thorax*

Hierarchical cluster analysis (Brazil)



De Freitas Dutra *et al* 2021, *Hematol. Transfus. Cell. Ther*

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“Sophisticated and comprehensive modeling that incorporates “multi-omic” (e.g. genomic, proteomic, and metabolomic) factors may advance this effort.”

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Proteomics Pathways of Sickle Cell Anemia (P2SCA): A Comprehensive Analysis By Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry of Erythrocyte Membrane Proteins Characterized from the Muhimbili Sickle Cell Programme, Tanzania

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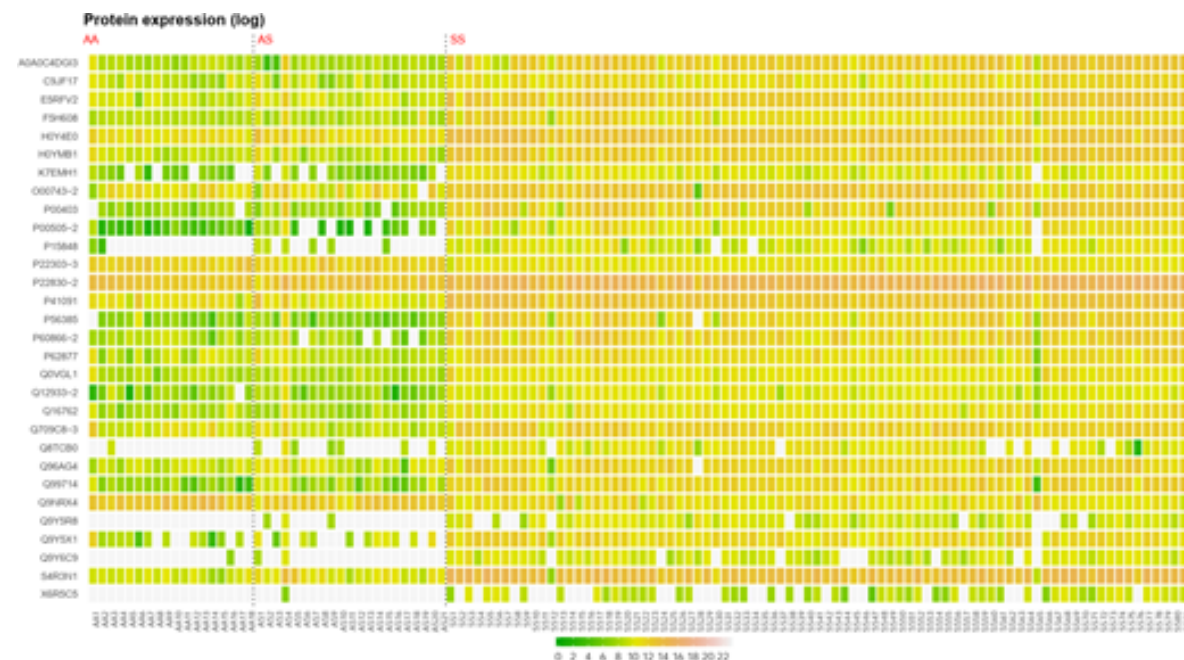
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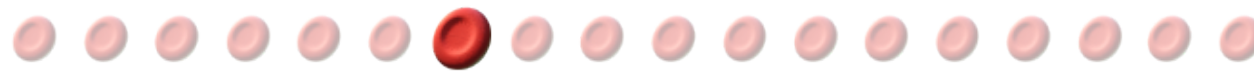
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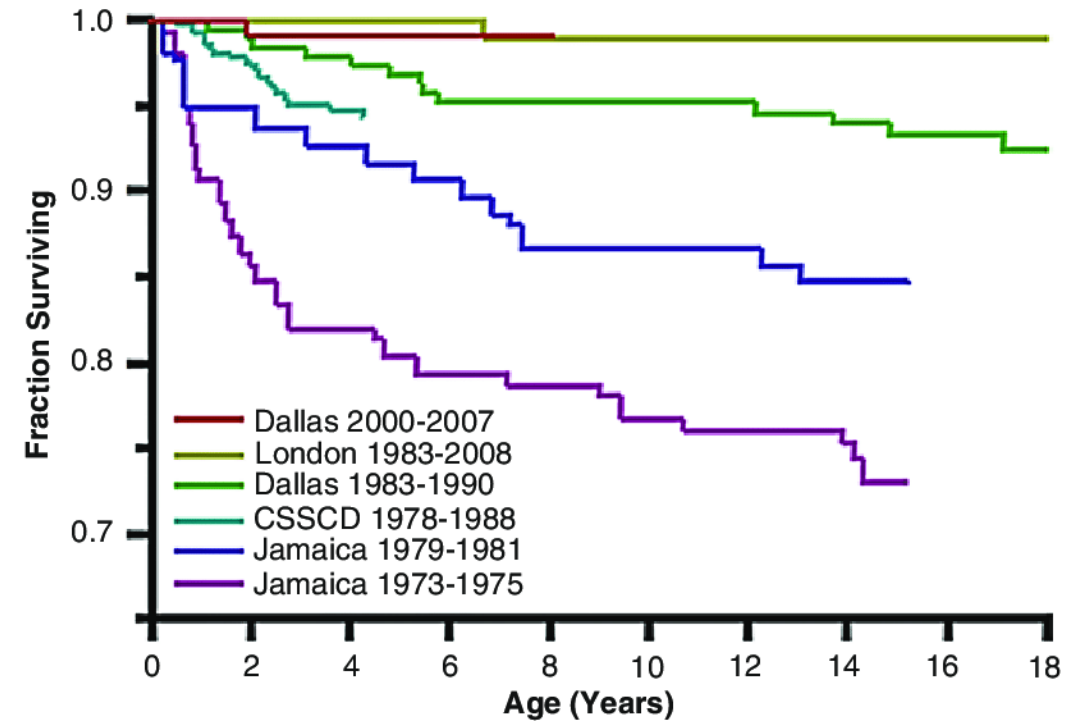
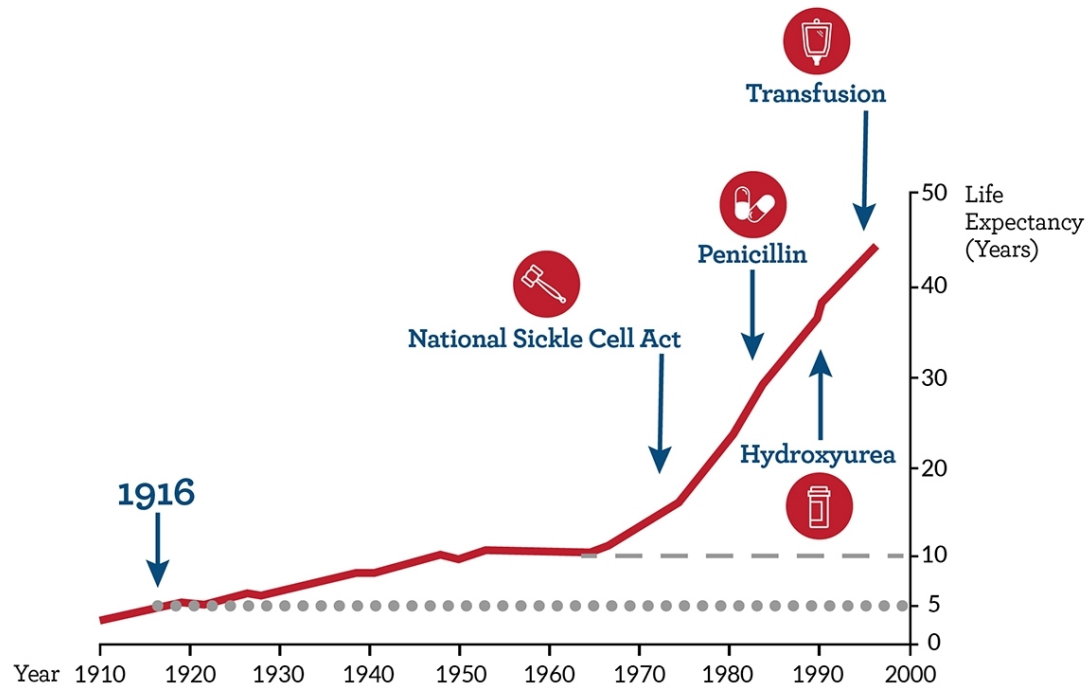
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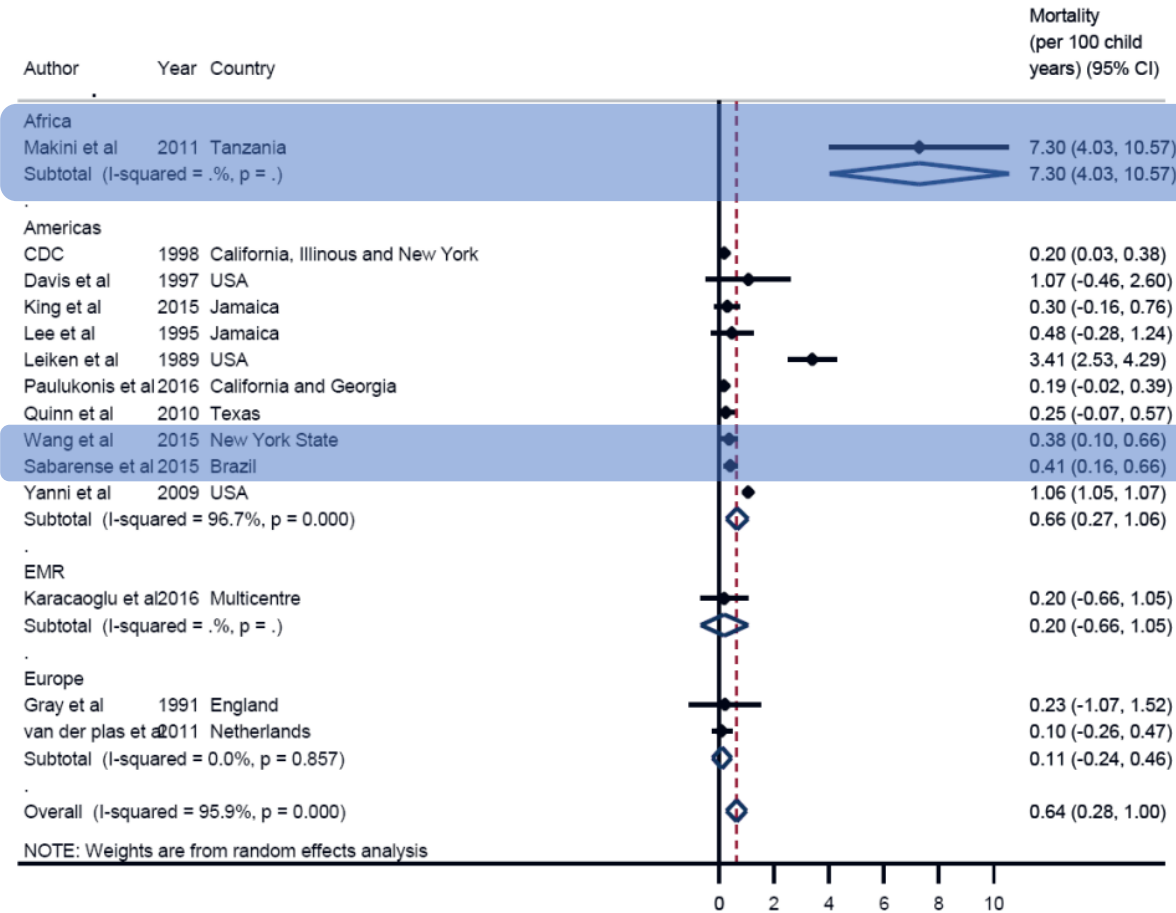




Spatio-temporal variability of SCD mortality

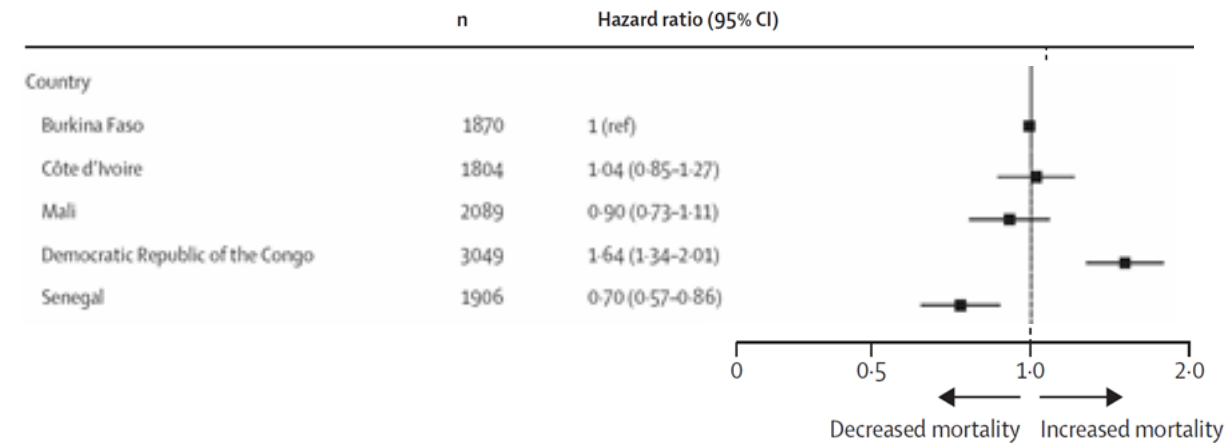


Global variability of SCD mortality



Wastenedge et al 2018, *Journal of Global Health*

BIOCADRE Study – 5 African countries Multivariate survival model for children younger than 15 years

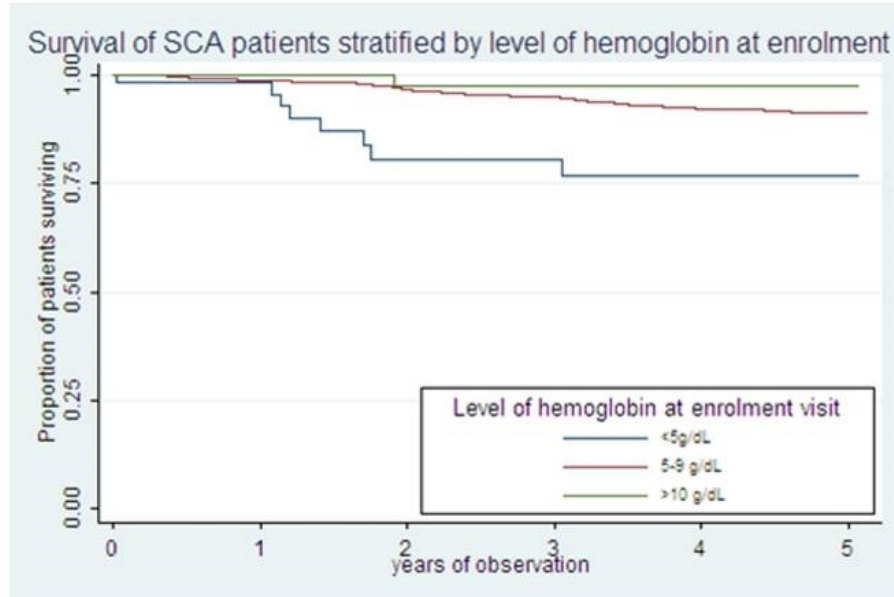


Ranque et al 2022, *The Lancet Haematology*

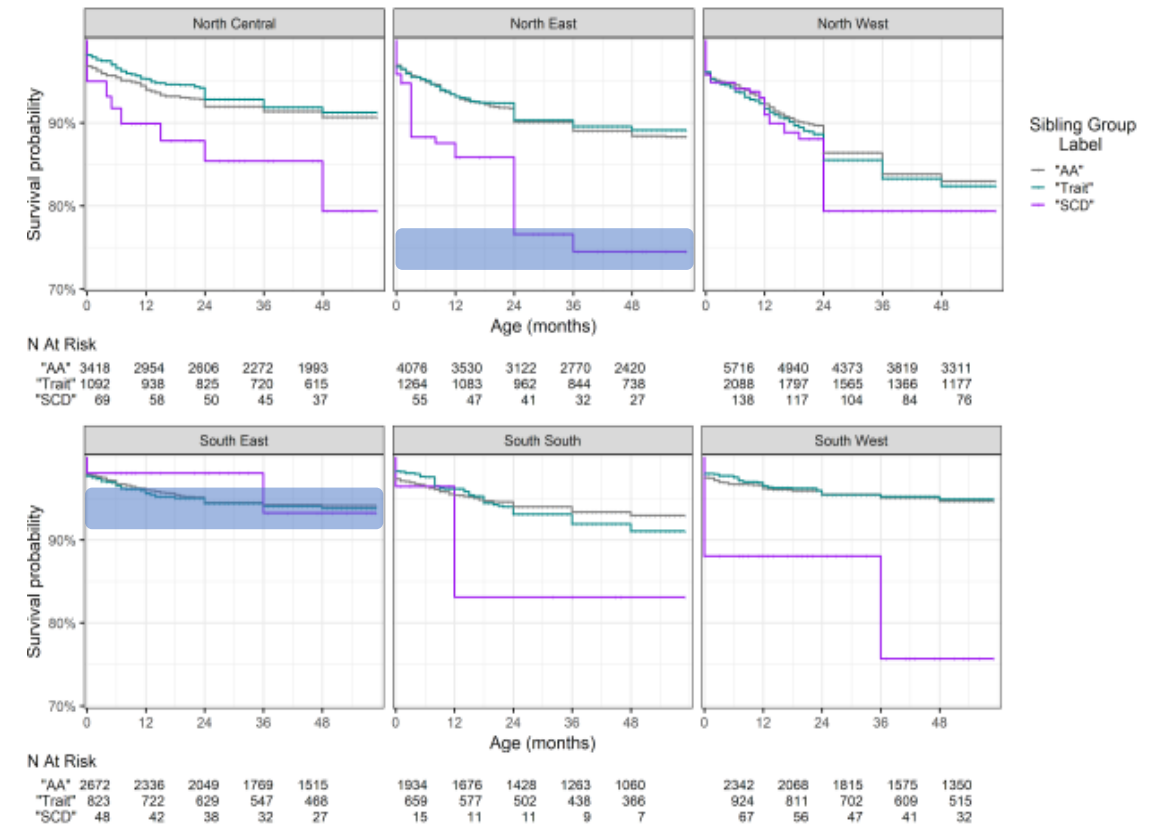


Global variability of SCD mortality

Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH), Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania



“In low- and middle-income countries, few studies have explored availability of resources for care of SCD showing widespread limitation where all too often resources are **limited to private facilities** and beyond the reach of the majority who would benefit”

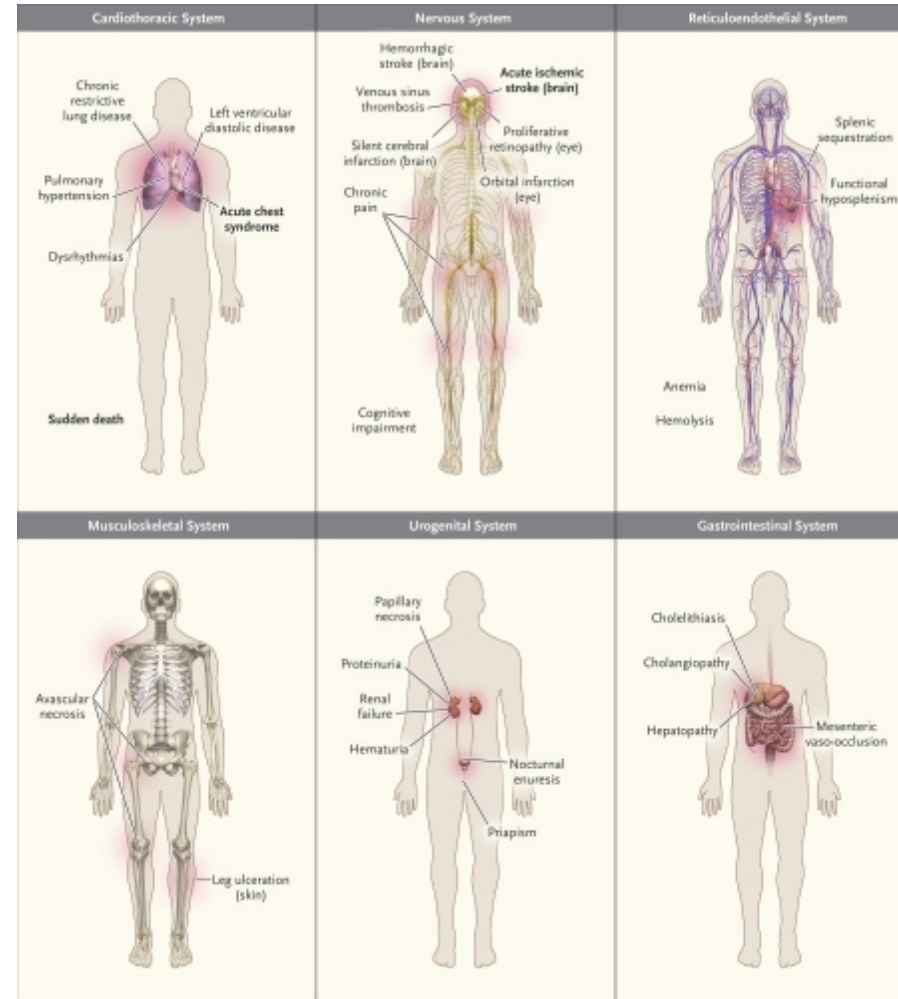


Makani et al 2011, *PLOS One*; Makani et al 2018, *Front. Genet.*

Nnodu et al 2021, *The Lancet Haematology*



Global variability of SCD morbidity



Piel, Rees & Steinberg, *NEJM* 2017





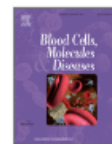
Global variability of SCD morbidity: Pain



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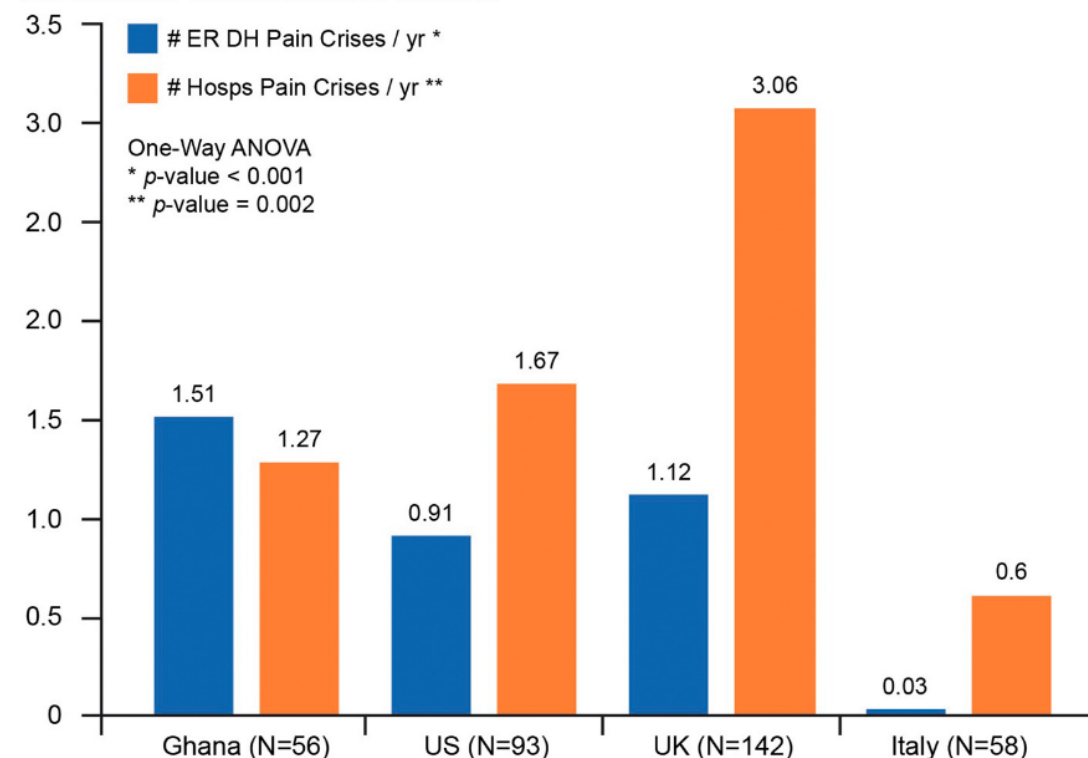


Global geographic differences in healthcare utilization for sickle cell disease pain crises in the CASiRe cohort

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n=868

A. HbSS/β0-thalassemia: Pediatric



Global variability of SCD morbidity: Stroke

Review

Epidemiology of Stroke in Sickle Cell Disease

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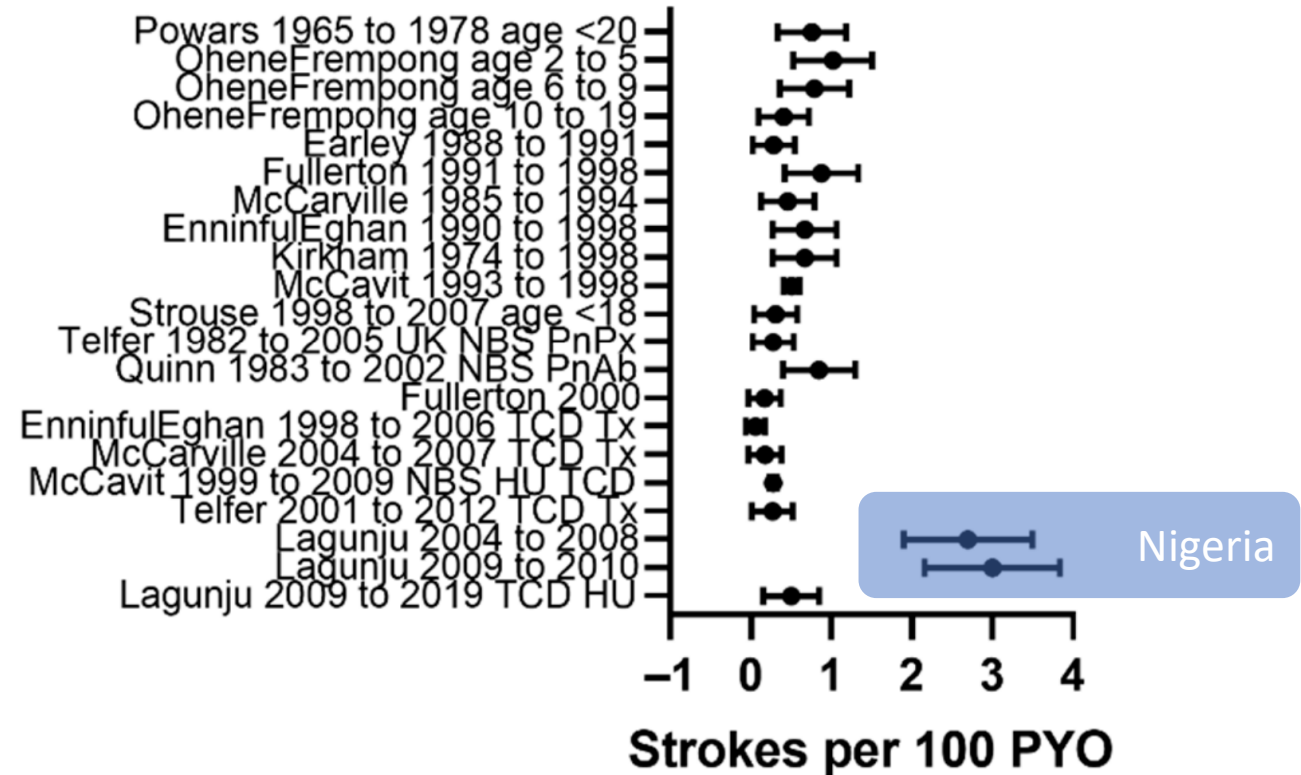
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“Without any screening or preventative treatment, the incidence appears to fall within the range 0.5 to 0.9 per 100 patient years of observation.”



Global variability of SCD morbidity: ACS



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The acute chest syndrome in sickle cell disease: incidence and risk factors. The Cooperative Study of Sickle Cell Disease

O Castro, DJ Brambilla, B Thorington, CA Reindorf, RB Scott, P Gillette, JC Vera, PS Levy

n=3,751

“ACS incidence was higher in patients with homozygous sickle cell disease (SS; **12.8/100 pt-yrs**) and in patients with sickle cell-beta(0) -thalassemic (9.4/100 pt-yrs), and lower in patients with hemoglobin (Hb) SC disease (5.2/100 pt-yrs) and patients with sickle cell-beta(+) thalassemia (3.9/100 pt-yrs).”

Transactions of the Royal Society of
Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

REVIEW

Managing acute chest syndrome of sickle cell disease in an African setting

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“[...] there are no firm data on its incidence in Nigeria. It was present in **6%** of 102 adolescents and adults in a monocentric study conducted in Lagos, Nigeria. However, studies done elsewhere have shown that it is a common complication that occurs in about **50%** of patients with SCA and is recurrent in about **80%** of them.”

Multicenter Study > Pan Afr Med J. 2022 Feb 3;41:97. doi: 10.11604/pamj.2022.41.97.29629.

eCollection 2022.

Clinical profile of sickle cell disease in children treated at "Cliniques Universitaires de Bukavu" and "Clinique Ami des Enfants", Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo

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“acute chest syndrome was only found in 9.1%.”





Global variability of SCD morbidity: Leg ulcers

Am J Hematol. 2010 October ; 85(10): 831–833. doi:10.1002/ajh.21838.

Leg Ulcers in Sickle Cell Disease

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“Its geographical distribution is also variable, affecting **75%** of HbSS patients in Jamaica but only **8–10%** of North American patients.”

 OPEN ACCESS PEER-REVIEWED CHAPTER

Leg Ulceration in Sickle Cell Disease: An Early and Visible Sign of End-Organ Disease

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Submitted: January 20th, 2016 , Reviewed: May 13th, 2016 , Published: November 10th, 2016

DOI: 10.5772/64234



“Among patients who have the Asian haplotype, leg ulceration is rare [**~1%**] among adults in both the eastern province of Saudi Arabia and central India ”

“Though not yet defined, environmental, socioeconomic, and genetic factors are most likely responsible for the variations in incidence.”

Global variability of SCD morbidity

Sickle Cell World Assessment Survey (SWAY): survey: 16 countries, ~2,500 patients.

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Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.
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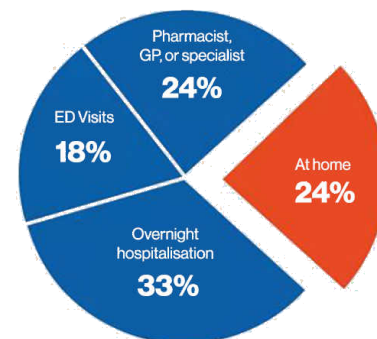
The Sickle Cell Disease Ontology: Enabling Collaborative Research and Co-Designing of New Planetary Health Applications

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Review Article

Overall

HOW PATIENTS MANAGE THEIR VOCs



n~2,500

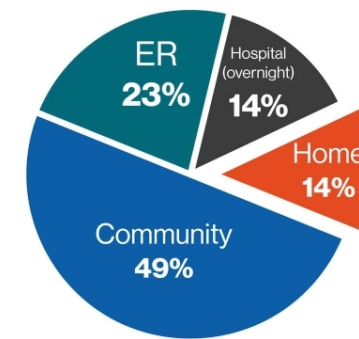


In the Netherlands⁵

It has been reported that:

~68% of VOCs are treated at home*

SA, Bahrain, Oman & Lebanon



n=164



In the United States⁶

It has been reported that:

~79% of VOCs are treated at home†



Variability of SCD comorbidity

3-28-2018

Comorbidities in aging patients with sickle cell disease.

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- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
- Chronic Pulmonary Complications
- Fibromyalgia, Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis
- Gout
- Hepatitis
- Malignant disorders
- Obesity, Diabetes and Hypertension
- Ophthalmological comorbidities
- Orofacial comorbidities
- Otologic comorbidities

“There is concern that the improved survival may be offset by the comorbidities of the older patients in the general population.”

Annals of Hematology (2021) 100:2203–2205
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00277-021-04578-w>

ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Obesity and diabetes mellitus in patients with sickle cell disease

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n=449

“In this study, we observed that the prevalence of obesity among SCD patients was low.”

“[...] type II diabetes mellitus is less common among SCD patients”



Global variability of costs of treatment



RESEARCH ARTICLE | MAY 16, 2022

Lifetime medical costs attributable to sickle cell disease among nonelderly individuals with commercial insurance

Kate M Johnson, Boshen Jiao, Scott D Ramsey, M A Bender, Beth Devine, Anirban Basu



[Am J Hematol](#). 2021 Jan; 96(1): E2–E5.

Published online 2020 Oct 6. doi: [10.1002/ajh.26007](#)

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Making hydroxyurea affordable for sickle cell disease in Tanzania is essential (HASTE): How to meet major health needs at a reasonable cost

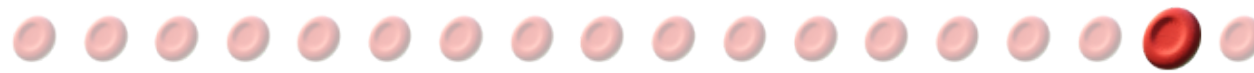
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USA: \$1.6-\$1.7M per patient

	Availability		Mean Treatment cost (dose: 1,000 mg per day)		Affordability	
	2016	2018	Daily (US\$)	Monthly	Mean day-wages to purchase 1 month of treatment	Retail price / IRP Ratio
HASTE	-	-	0.18 (0.16 - 0.20)	5.40 (4.80 - 6.00)	3.86 (3.43 - 4.29)	0.41 (0.36 - 0.45)
Muhimbili Hospital Pharmacy	NA	A	0.66 (0.55 - 0.77)	19.80 (16.50 - 23.10)	14.14 (11.79 - 16.50)	1.50 (1.25 - 1.75)
Pharmacy A	A	NA	1.82 (1.82 - 1.82)	54.60 (54.60 - 54.60)	39.00 (39.00 - 39.00)	4.14 (4.14 - 4.14)
Pharmacy B	NA	A	1.14 (0.91 - 1.36)	34.05 (27.30 - 40.80)	24.32 (19.50 - 29.14)	2.58 (2.07 - 3.09)

Costa et al 2021, Am. J. Hem.





Conclusions

- SCD is a global disease with large variability/inequalities

Clinicians/haematologists

- More evidence from LMICs is needed
- More multi-systems studies (multiple complications) are needed

Data scientists/epidemiologists

- More systematic efforts to collate current evidence are needed
- Multi-omics studies might help our understanding of SCD

=> require financial support



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